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1. On 7 July 1949 a celebration was held in Tsingtao, with mass parades throughout the city and with a large mass meeting at the race course.
2. About 90,000 persons were present at the race course, along with about 8,000 frontline troops, all very orderly and well-disciplined. The following field pieces were observed with the troops:
 - a. Twelve Japanese 75 mm guns (very long-barreled, with a recoil chamber on top).
 - b. Six 75 mm guns (apparently of US make; only a short part of the barrel protruded from the very heavy recoil mechanism).
 - c. Eleven mounted 40 mm guns.
 - d. Fifty-one Japanese mortars.
 - e. Thirty-six Japanese heavy machine-guns.
3. During the parade downtown one observer counted troops passing for about one hour and estimated the number at well over 10,000.
4. There was no ridicule of Generalissimo and Madame CHIANG Kai-shek as in the earlier victory parade*.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Chinese have told missionaries that the Communists ordered that there be no further ridicule of the Generalissimo and Madame. It is also reported that the ankles of the Shantung University students who represented the Generalissimo and Madame in the earlier victory parade were smashed.

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